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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

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MEMORANDUM FOR All U.S. Army Dental Command Personnel

SUBJECT: U.S. Army Dental Command (DENCOM) Policy 03-14,
Infection Control/Exposure Control

1. REFERENCE:

- a. U.S. Army Dental Command (DENCOM) Pam 40-5-1.
- b. All references cited in DENCOM Pam 40-5-1.
- c. TB MED 266, Disinfection and Sterilization of Dental Instruments and Materials (31 May 1995 or later revision).
- d. Health Affairs Policy 97-006, Hepatitis B Immunization Policy for DOD Medical and Dental Personnel.

2. SCOPE: This policy applies to all organizations and personnel (to include active duty, Reserve, Civil Service, contract personnel, and volunteers) assigned to or working in DENCOM facilities.

3. POLICY:

a. Recommendations/guidance from the Office of the Surgeon General (OTSG), the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the American Dental Association will be followed in all dental facilities by all dental health care workers (DHCW).

b. Each Army Dental Unit will have a detailed Infection Control/Exposure Control Program based on guidance from DENCOM Pam 40-5-1 and other professional and regulatory organizations. These programs should provide:

(1) Site specific guidance in all aspects of infection control/exposure control for DHCWs.

(2) Exposure determination and job classification IAW 29 CFR 1910.1030.

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(3) Schedule of implementation.

(4) Methods of compliance for infection control and exposure control.

(5) Hepatitis B Vaccination policy, DHCW vaccination status, and any other documents required by 29 CFR 1910.1030.

(6) Exposure control training conducted IAW 29 CFR 1920.1030. New employee training records should be kept in a file that is separate from other training documents. Infection control training will be provided as needed to maintain knowledge of current regulations and recommendations.

(7) Employee post-exposure treatment protocol and exposure incident investigation procedures.

(8) Record keeping IAW 29 CFR 1910.1030, 29 CFR 1904.1-22, 29, CFR 1910.20, and all Army and DOD requirements.

(9) A copy of DENCOM Pam 40-5-1.

(10) A copy of TB MED 266.

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